

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) A transparent liquid soap composition comprising:

5 to 25% by weight of soap,

2 to 20% by weight humectants,

balance water;

wherein the soap comprises 0.05 to 4 % by weight of the composition castor oil soap or salt of ricinoleic acid, or the derivatives thereof.

Claim 2 (Original) The transparent liquid soap of claim 1 wherein the soap comprises alkali metal salts of C₈ to C₂₂ fatty acids.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The transparent liquid soap of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the soap is present in 14 to 22% by weight of the composition.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The transparent liquid soap of ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein the soap comprises 0.1 to 3% by weight of the composition castor oil soap or salt of ricinoleic acid or the derivatives thereof.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The transparent liquid soap of ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein the humectant is selected from polyhydric alcohols including glycerol, sorbitol, polyethylene glycols, propylene glycols and mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (Original) The transparent liquid soap of claim 5 wherein the polyhydric alcohol is glycerol.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The transparent liquid soap of ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1 wherein the humectant is present in 5 to 15% by weight of the composition.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The transparent liquid soap of ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1 further comprising not more than 20 % by weight of a non-soap detergent active.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A process for preparing the transparent soap composition of ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1 comprising mixing

- (i) the total amount of salts of fatty acids including those prepared from castor oil or ricinoleic acid or their derivatives;
- (ii) water; and
- (iviii) the humectants.

Claim 10 (Original) The process of claim 9 further comprising the step of adding to the above mixture suitable non-soap detergent actives.